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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE BOARD

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Addendum

Item 6 PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

At the second part of its thirty-seventh session the Board, in its resolution 391 (XXXVII), of 22 March 1991, welcomed with deep appreciation the offer made by the Government of Colombia, in the light of which it agreed that the Conference should take place at Cartagena de Indias from 8 to 25 February 1992, preceded by a two-day Senior Officials Meeting on 6 and 7 February 1992.

These arrangements were endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution convening the Conference (resolution 45/261, of 3 May 1991).

Also in resolution 45/261, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the arrangements for the preparatory process for the Conference, which had been endorsed by the Board at the second part of its thirty-seventh session. The arrangements included provision for the seventeenth special session of the Board to be held in two parts and for an ad hoc preparatory mechanism (or mechanisms) to meet intermittently between the first and second parts of the special session.

The scheduling of the special session, and the functioning of the ad hoc mechanism(s), have been the subject of on-going informal consultations. The Board may wish to continue consultations in an informal context, with a view to finalizing the necessary decisions on these matters during the course of the first part of its thirty-eighth session.

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Item 7 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE BOARD ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AND OTHER BODIES

Item 7 (a) Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget

At its twentieth session (16 to 19 April 1991), the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget reviewed the secretariat's proposals for the UNCTAD work programme for 1992-1993, in the context of the preparation of Section 15 (UNCTAD) of the proposed United Nations programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. The report on the session will be before the Board.

Attention is drawn to Annex I, containing the Agreed Conclusions adopted by the Working Party at the close of the session.

The provisional agenda for the twenty-first session is contained in Annex II.

The Board may wish to take note of the report of the Working Party on its twentieth session and to endorse the Agreed Conclusions annexed thereto.

Documentation

TD/B/1295- TD/B/WP/73	Report of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on its twentieth session

Item 7 (b) Report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology

The report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its eighth session (22 to 30 April 1991) will be before the Board.

Attention is drawn to Annex I, containing resolution 33 (VIII) on "Transfer and development of Technology" by which inter alia the Committee set forth its future work in this field.

The Board may wish to take note of the report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its eighth session, and to endorse the provisions of resolution 33 (VIII) annexed thereto.

Documentation

TD/B/1298- TD/B/C.6/157	Report of the Committee on Transfer of Technology on its eighth session

Item 7 (c) Report of the Special Committee on Preferences

The Special Committee on Preferences held its eighteenth session from 10 to 17 May 1991. The report on the session will be before the Board.

The Committee adopted resolution 13 (XVIII) on items 3, 4 and 5 of the agenda (Review of the implementation, maintenance, improvement and utilization of the Generalized System of Preferences; Consultations on harmonization and improvement of the Rules of Origin; and Technical assistance in connection with the Generalized System of Preferences); and Decision 14 (XVIII) on Technical modifications to Forms A, B and APR for the GSP. The resolution and decision are reproduced in Annex I.

Annex II contains the provisional agenda which the Committee approved for its nineteenth session.

The Board may wish to take note of the Committee's report on its eighteenth session and to endorse the provisions of resolution 13 (XVIII) and decision 14 (XVIII) annexed thereto.

Documentation

TD/B/1297 TD/B/C.5/140	Report of the Special Committee on Preferences on its eighteenth session

Item 7 (d) Report of the Ad Hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite

The Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite, held from 13 to 17 May 1991, was convened by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in accordance with pragraph 77 of the Final Act of UNCTAD VII.

Attention is drawn to Annex I to the report, containing the decision on follow-up action, which the Review Meeting adopted at its closing meeting.

By that decision, the Review Meeting decided to recommend that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD convene a second Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite as soon as possible after UNCTAD VIII, and agreed on the provisional agenda for the proposed meeting.

The Board's approval of the decision is required in order to include a second Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite in the calendar of meetings.

Documentation

TD/B/1296 TD/B/C.1/318 TD/B/C.1/RM/Bauxite 4	Report of the Ad hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite

Item 9 INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RELATED MATTERS

Item 9 (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

On 17 September 1991, the General Assembly admitted seven States to membership in the United Nations. Two of these States (the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea) are already members of UNCTAD. The other five new members are:

Federated States of Micronesia	(Resolution 46/2)
Republic of the Marshall Islands	(Resolution 46/3)
Republic of Estonia	(Resolution 46/4)
Republic of Latvia	(Resolution 46/5)
Republic of Lithuania	(Resolution 46/6)

Under the provisions of Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), these States automatically also become members of UNCTAD, thus bringing the membership of UNCTAD to 171.

Also in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) (Section II, paragraph 6), the lists of States for purposes of elections, contained in the annex to that resolution, shall be reviewed periodically by the Conference in the light of changes in membership of the Conference, and other factors.

Item 9 (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main Committees

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has received a communication from the Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Dominica in Geneva, indicating that his Government wishes to apply for membership of the Committee on Shipping; the Committee on Transfer of Technology; and the Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries.

A communication has also been received from the Ambassador of the Republic of Gabon, indicating that his Government wishes to become a member of the Committee on Transfer of Technology.

With Dominica and Gabon elected to membership of the respective Committees, the revised membership of the Board and its main Committees would be: Trade and Development Board - 130; Committee on Commodities - 106; Committee on Manufactures - 100; Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade - 102; Committee on Shipping - 103; Committee on Transfer of Technology - 100; Committee on Economic Co-operation among Developing Countries - 110.

Item 9 (d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

There will be no applications before the Board at the first part of its thirty-eighth session.

Item 9 (e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

The Board will be invited to consider applications from theree non-governmental organizations.

In accordance with the provisions of rule 77, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD will consult the Bureau of the Board and will subsequently submit the Bureau's recommendations to the Board.

Documentation

TD/B/R.61	Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
TD/B/R.61/Add.1	Application by the International Express Carriers Conference (IECC)
TD/B/R.61/Add.2	Application by the Liaison Committee of Development Non-governmental Organizations to the European Communities
TD/B/R.61/Add.3	Application by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

Item 10 OTHER BUSINESS

Draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages

At its sixth session (25 to 29 September 1989), the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Maritime Liens and Mortgages and Related Subjects adopted its final report (TD/B/C.4/327-TD/B/C.4/AC.8/27), the annex to which contained draft articles for a convention on maritime liens and mortgages.

Having considered that report, the Committee on Shipping, in its resolution 66 (XIV) of 19 June 1990, recommended that, in consultation with IMO, the Trade and Development Board recommend to the General Assembly that it convene, within existing resources, a conference of plenipotentiaries for the consideration and adoption of the draft convention, as contained in the Final Report of the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts. The resolution has now also been endorsed by the appropriate IMO bodies.

The Board may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it convene the proposed conference of plenipotentiaries, in Geneva during the first half of 1993.

Documentation

TD/B/L.920	Draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages